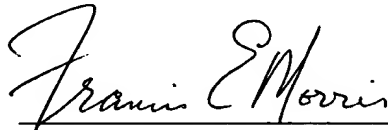


Dependent claims 11-15, 24-28, and 50 are believed patentable for the same reason independent claims 8, 16 and 48 are patentable.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully Submitted,



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